



# ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL BONUS APPLICATION

DEPT. OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SFN 16441-0002 (5/2004)

Bonus Claim No.

**IMPORTANT:** Carefully read the instructions found on the reverse side of this form before filling in the requested information. Incomplete or illegible applications will be returned to sender.

1. Veteran's Name (Last, First, Middle)		Veteran's Date of Birth (Year/Month/Day)	
2a. Veteran's Social Security Number		2b. Veteran's Service Number (if different from Social Security Number in 2a)	
3. Present address (Street, PO Box)		4. Address for 6 months prior to entry into service (Street, PO Box)	
City	County	City	County
State	Zip+4	State	Zip+4
5. Period(s) of Active Duty for which bonus payment is claimed. Check ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) all that apply. See instructions on reverse side. <input type="checkbox"/> January 1, 1993, to September 10, 2001 <input type="checkbox"/> September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined			
6. Date entered active duty service (current enlistment)		7. Prior active duty dates: From: To:	
8. Actual dates served in area of hostilities or war zone (See Instructions): From: To:		From: To:	
9. Do you have a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans Administration at 10% or more disabling? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		VA Claim Number (If applicable)	
10. Were you awarded any of the following medals? Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest Asia Service Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Navy or Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Kosovo Campaign Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
11. Have you received, or are you eligible to receive from any other state, a bonus or compensation based on the above period of service? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
12. I certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that intentionally making a false statement herein is a violation of SDCL 4-9-5 and 22-30A-17. Signature of applicant: Date:			

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S PERSONNEL OR COMMANDING OFFICER

I certify that I have reviewed the above application and find it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature (Name and Rank)	Title:
Unit:	Date:

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CLAIMS EXAMINER REVIEW		ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	Amount:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	Date:
Initials:	Date:	Signature:	

## INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Applicants who are still on active duty must attach a statement of service showing MEDALS EARNED and EXACT DATES SERVED in one or more of the qualifying areas listed in item #5.

Item # (Items numbers not listed are considered as self-explanatory.)

1. Name as shown on military records. (If different, attach certified copy of document explaining the difference in name, i.e., marriage certificate, etc.)
3. Address to which bonus check should be mailed.
4. If more than one address, list on a separate sheet of paper. To be eligible for the bonus, you must have been a legal resident of South Dakota for at least six months immediately preceding entry into the armed forces.
5. Be sure to check the period(s) of service during which you served. To be eligible for payment, you must have honorable service during the qualifying period(s).

For Active Duty service between the dates of January 1, 1993, through September 10, 2001, bonus payments will be made only to those veterans who served in an area qualifying for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Navy or Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, or other US medals awarded for participation in combat operations against hostile forces, and for the time actually spent in that area.

All Active Duty service from September 11, 2001, through a date to be determined, qualifies for a bonus payment of \$100 for the first month and \$20 for each subsequent month to a maximum of \$240. Veterans who served in an area of hostilities, and received or are eligible to receive one of the medals listed in item #10 on the front of this form, will be paid \$150/month for the first month and \$50/month for each subsequent month served in the area qualifying for the medal, together with the above rates of \$100/month and \$20/month for other service during the qualifying dates, to a maximum of \$500.

Any period of active duty service during a calendar month shall be considered as one full month in determining monthly totals.

No veteran may receive a bonus payment in excess of \$500 except that a veteran who was eligible for a bonus for service prior to December 31, 1992, and is also eligible for a bonus for service after January 1, 1993, may receive two separate bonuses.

8. Show the ACTUAL DATES SERVED. Example: for service in Iraq – From: Apr. 20, 2003 To: Apr. 19, 2004
9. Veterans who are eligible for a bonus payment and who have a service connected disability rated by the Veterans Administration (VA) as 10% or more disabling, will receive the maximum payment of \$500. If you marked YES, you must send a current copy of your VA award letter or other verification from the VA along with this application.

**If you have questions on completing this form, telephone (605) 773-4656.**

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:  
SD VETERANS BONUS, 500 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-5070**